

Tire Fire Prevention Tips

Learn how to properly store your tires to avoid hazards and reduce the risk of starting a fire.

Improper storage of tires can lead to large, uncontrollable fires that emit hazardous environmental pollutants such as toxic gases, heavy metals and oils. These fires often pose significant costs while leading to neighborhood evacuations and the contamination of air and waterways.

Do your part to avoid such fires and store your tires correctly. Check out the tips below to get started.

Outdoor Storage (In accordance with 3405 IFC)

Tire storage piles should be separated by a clear space of at least 40 feet.

Tire piles should be located at least 50 feet from lot lines and buildings.

Ensure that tire piles do not exceed 10 feet in height.

Keep tire piles away from combustible ground vegetation such as weeds, grass or brush.

Indoor Storage (In accordance with 3409 IFC)

Always store tire on tread.

Tire piles should not be more than 50 feet in length.

Tires stored adjacent to or along one wall should not extend more than 25 feet from it.

Always refrain from open burning, smoking, and operating cutting, welding or heating devices in tire storage yards. (3404 IFC)

Make sure to check local ordinances and codes to ensure you are storing tires appropriately.